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September 24, 2021

Client Services, Inc 3451 Harry S Truman Blvd Saint Charles, MO 63301

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

RE Kelie Palladino v Client Services, Inc Pike County Court of Common Pleas Docket No 2021-cv-00941

Dear Sir or Madam

Enclosed please find a time-stamped complaint in the above-referenced matter Please ensure that all evidence related to this lawsuit is preserved. If you have any question about whether evidence would be related to the lawsuit, please contact me to discuss

Sincerely yours,

Brett M Freeman

BF/smd

Kelie Palladino 112 Cottonwood Court Milford, PA 18337

Plaintiff

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Client Services, Inc 3451 Harry S Truman Blvd Saint Charles, MO 63301

Defendant

IN THE PIKE COUNTY
COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

Civil Action

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NOTICE

You have been sued in court If you wish to defend against the claims set forth in the following pages, you must take action within twenty (20) days after this complaint and notice are served, by entering a written appearance personally or by attorney and filing in writing with the court your defenses or objections to the claims set forth against you You are warned that if you fail to do so the case may proceed without you and a judgment may be entered against you by the court without further notice for any money claimed in the complaint or for any other claim or relief requested by plaintiff(s) You may lose money or property or other rights important to you

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PIKE COUNTY LEGAL AID SERVICES 810 MONROE STREET STROUDSBURG, PA 18360 (570) 424-5338 PA LAWYER REFERRAL SERVICE PO BOX 1086 100 SOUTH STREET HARRISBURG, PA 17108 (Pennsylvania residents phone 1-800-692-7375, Out of state Residents phone 1-717-238-6715) Kelte Palladino,
Plaintiff
COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

Docket No

Client Services, Inc ,
Defendant

COMPLAINT

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I INTRODUCTION

This is an action for damages brought by an individual consumer for violations of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U S C § 1692, et seq (hereinafter "the Act") Defendant illegally disclosed information about Plaintiff to a third-party, in direct violation of the Act

II JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 2 Jurisdiction of this Court is proper pursuant to 15 U S C § 1692k(d), which permits an action under the Act to be brought in any court of competent jurisdiction
- Wenue in this Court is proper in that Plaintiff resides here, the conduct complained of occurred here, and Defendant transacts business here

III PARTIES

- 4 Plaintiff is a natural person residing at 112 Cottonwood Court, Milford, PA, 18337
- 5 Plaintiff is, and at all relevant times was, a "consumer" as defined by 15 U S C § 1692a(3)
- 6 Client Services, Inc. is an entity with an address of 3451 Harry S Truman Blvd, Saint Charles, MO 63301
 - 7 The principal purpose of Defendant's business is the collection of debts

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- 8 Defendant has reason to believe that a non-trivial portion of the accounts that it collects are for obligations for which the money, property, insurance or services which were the subjects of the transactions were primarily for personal, family, or household purposes
- 9 Defendant has reason to believe that it is probably true that the principal purpose of its business is the collection of "debt" as that term is defined by 15 U S C § 1692a(5)
- Defendant regularly attempts to collect debts asserted to be due to another The term "debt" is used in this allegation as that term is defined by 15 U S C § 1692a(5)
 - Defendant is a "debt collector" as defined by 15 U S C § 1692a(6)

IV STATEMENT OF CLAIM

- 12 The foregoing paragraphs are incorporated herein by reference
- Congress enacted the Act to prevent real harm. Congress found that "abusive debt collection practices [we]re carried on to a substantial extent in interstate commerce and through means and instrumentalities of such commerce." 15 U.S.C. § 1692(d)
- One of the abusive debt collection practices the Act was designed to curb was "invasions of individual privacy" 15 U S C § 1692(a)
- In order to help achieve this goal, the Act prohibits, absent a few exceptions not relevant to the present matter, a debt collector from communicating with a third-party in connection with the collection of a debt 15 U S C § 1692c(b)
- 16 Client Services Inc is a company which was attempting to collect an alleged debt ("the Debt") from Plaintiff
- On or shortly before April 8, 2021, Client Services, Inc decided to send a letter to Plaintiff regarding the Debt

- However, rather than preparing and mailing the letter to Plaintiff on its own, Client Services, Inc. chose to utilize a third-party vendor to perform these services on its behalf. The factual contentions in this paragraph will likely have evidentiary support after a reasonable opportunity for further investigation or discovery
- As part of this process, Client Services, Inc conveyed information regarding the Debt to the third-party vendor
- The information Client Services, Inc. conveyed to the third-party included Plaintiff's name, address, status as a debtor, as well as the precise amount of the Debt and the entity to which Plaintiff allegedly owed the Debt
- The conveyance of this information to the third-party constituted a "communication" as that term is defined in 15 U S C § 1692a(2)
- The conveyance of this information to the third party was a communication made in connection with the collection of a debt See Hunstein v Preferred Collection & Mgmt Servs

 Inc., 994 F 3d 1341 (11th Cir. 2021)
- The third-party then, at the direction of Client Services, Inc , utilized this information to generate and mail a letter to Plaintiff
- This collection letter was a "communication" as that term is defined in 15 U S C § 1692a(2)
 - 25 The collection letter was mailed on or about April 8, 2021
- Plaintiff never consented to Client Services, Inc. communicating with the third party vendor in connection with the collection of the Debt

By improperly conveying information regarding Plaintiff to a third-party in connection with the collection of a debt, Client Services, Inc. violated 15 U.S.C. § 1692c(b) See Hunstein v Preferred Collection & Mgmt. Servs. Inc., 994 F 3d 1341 (11th Cir. 2021)

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment against Defendant for statutory damages of no more than \$1,000 00, costs, attorney's fees, and such other and further relief as deemed just and proper

V ARBITRATION

- The claims raised in this complaint are subject to a pre-dispute arbitration provision
- 29 Pursuant to Pennsylvania Rule of Civil Procedure 1329, Plaintiff is providing notice of an intention to compel arbitration

VI DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Plaintiff demands a trial by jury as to all issues so triable

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CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE

I certify that this filing complies with the provisions of the Public Access Policy of the

Unified Judicial System of Pennsylvania Case Records of the Appellate and Trial Courts that

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Verification of Complaint and Certification by Plaintiff

Plaintiff, Kelie Palladino, being duly sworn according to law, deposes as follows

- 1 I am a plaintiff in this civil proceeding
- I have read the above-entitled civil Complaint prepared by my attorneys and I believe that all of the facts contained in it are true, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief formed after reasonable inquiry
- I believe that this civil Complaint is well grounded in fact and warranted by existing law or by a good faith argument for the extension, modification, or reversal of existing law
- I believe that this civil Complaint is not interposed for any improper purpose, such as to harass the Defendant, cause unnecessary delay to the Defendant, or create a needless increase in the cost of litigation to the Defendant, named in the Complaint
- I have filed this civil Complaint in good faith and solely for the purposes set forth in it

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct

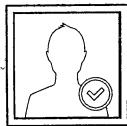
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